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Importance of English

Dear Editor :

English is the most widely used language in the world today. Over six hundred million people use this language in their day to day work. It is an international medium of communication which facilitates the exchange of information and knowledge in a world that is slowly shrinking due to mutual interdependence and understanding.

Our culture is largely the product of contact with the English literature. Modern science and technology are advancing rapidly through English.

Among the essential books on various aspects, bulletins, magazines, newspapers that are published in different languages of the world, the percentage of publication in English is 66%.

Our young generation should be allowed to study English adequately. Otherwise, they will be cut off from the tide of modern civilization as it is the treasure house of knowledge of all kinds. The nation will fail to produce good doctors, skilled technicians and efficient engineers if they are not encouraged to learn the concerned language.

Our international relations would be very seriously affected if the nation still remains backward in the subject which should be retained as a compulsory second language so that they may maintain a healthy contact and relation with the world outside in near future.

That the subject which is so indispensable in practical use in various spheres of man's activities is not yet being taught to our young generation with due importance.

Should it be wise to stick to one's mother tongue only when the outer world is advancing rapidly through this international language? If so, her progress and prosperity will surely suffer in the long run. So, for the sake of our own interest and progress we should learn it adequately.

As our students are weak in English, they are now facing an enormous difficulty in their working life. It is not yet compulsory for the students at degree level. It is not at all adequate for our students to study the subject at secondary and higher secondary certificate levels.

They require extensive study in the subject if they like to establish their careers besittingly in different activities in future in the country and abroad.

It has been observed that the graduates of this age in this country generally do not do well in English at the B.C.S. and other competitive examinations for recruitment to public service.

So for the sake of knowing the subject well, it should be made compulsory for all the groups at degree level without any discrimination.

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